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Maryland's 13th Annual Statewide

# HEALTH EQUITY CONFERENCE

*Achieving Health Equity through  
Community Engagement and  
Innovative Health Care Delivery*

**DECEMBER 13, 2016**

**8:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

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# MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES

## BACKGROUND:

The Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities was established in 2004 by statute, under the Maryland Health General Article, Section § 20-1001 to § 20-1007, to address minority health disparities in Maryland.

## MISSION:

To focus the Department's resources on eliminating health disparities, partner with statewide organizations in developing policies and implementing programs and monitor and report the progress to elected officials and the public.

## VISION:

To achieve health equity where all individuals and communities have the opportunity and access to achieve and maintain good health.



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<p>7:00 AM – 8:00 AM</p>	<p><b>REGISTRATION</b> <b>CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND EXHIBIT HALL</b> (Location: Camelia Room)</p>
<p>8:00 AM – 8:30 AM</p>	<p><b>WELCOME</b> (Location: Terrace Room)</p> <p><b>Shalewa Noel-Thomas</b>, PhD, MPH, Director, Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene</p> <p><b>OPENING &amp; GREETINGS</b></p> <p><b>The Honorable Shirley Nathan-Pulliam</b>, Senate, District 44, Maryland General Assembly</p> <p><b>Van T. Mitchell</b>, Secretary, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene</p>
<p>8:30 AM - 9:45 AM</p>	<p><b>SHIRLEY NATHAN-PULLIAM HEALTH EQUITY LECTURE</b> (Location: Terrace Room)</p> <p><b>INTRODUCTION OF AWARD RECIPIENT</b></p> <p><b>Stephen B. Thomas</b>, PhD, Professor, Health Services Administration, University of Maryland School of Public Health and Director, Maryland Center for Health Equity, University of Maryland, College Park</p> <p><b>**AWARD RECIPIENT &amp; KEYNOTE ADDRESS**</b></p> <p><i>Achieving Health Equity: Tools for a National Campaign Against Racism</i></p> <p><b>Camara Phyllis Jones</b>, MD, MPH, PhD, President, American Public Health Association Senior Fellow, Satcher Health Leadership Institute and Cardiovascular Research Institute, Morehouse School of Medicine</p>
<p>9:45 AM - 11:00 AM</p>	<p><b>ACHIEVING HEALTH EQUITY: FROM THEORY TO ACTION</b> (Location: Terrace Room)</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Shalewa Noel-Thomas</b>, PhD, MPH, Director, Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene</p> <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <p><b>Edward Ehlinger</b>, MD, MSPH, Commissioner of Health, Minnesota Department of Health</p> <p><b>Stephen B. Thomas</b>, PhD, Professor, Health Services Administration, University of Maryland School of Public Health and Director, Maryland Center for Health Equity, University of Maryland, College Park</p>



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<p><b>11:00 AM – 11:15 AM</b></p>	<p><b>BREAK</b></p>
<p><b>11:15 AM – 12:30 PM</b></p>	<p><b>THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF HEALTHCARE - HOSPITAL GLOBAL BUDGETS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES</b> (Location: Terrace Room)</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Michelle Spencer</b>, MS, Associate Director, Bloomberg American Health Initiative and Associate Scientist, Department of Health Policy and Management, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health</p> <p><u>Panelists:</u>  <b>Dianne Feeney</b>, BSN, MS, Associate Director of Quality Initiatives, Health Services Cost Review Commission, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene  <b>Kendra Thayer</b>, RN, MSN, CDE, Chief Nursing Officer and Vice President of Patient Care Services, Garrett Regional Medical Center  <b>Katherine Harton Talbert</b>, MPA, RN, BSN, Care Management Program Manager, Howard County General Hospital  <b>Jennifer Newman Barnhart</b>, MPH, Director, Population Health Improvement, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene</p>
<p><b>12:30 PM- 1:30 PM</b></p>	<p><b>LUNCH</b> (Location: Embassy Room) &amp; <b>EXHIBIT HALL</b> (Location: Camelia Room)</p>
<p><b>1:30 PM – 2:45 PM</b></p>	<p><b>AFTERNOON CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS</b></p> <p><b>A: Educating Minorities on the Benefits Received After Consumer Enrollment (EMBRACE) - A Model Program to Address Health Equity</b> (Location: Maryland Room)</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>David Mann</b>, MD, PhD, Epidemiologist, Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene</p> <p><u>Panelists:</u>  <b>Janani Ramachandran</b>, Social Services Coordinator, Mary’s Center  <b>Yvonne L. Bronner</b>, ScD, Professor, Department of Behavioral Health Sciences, School of Community Health and Policy, Morgan State University</p> <p><b>B: Health Enterprise Zones - Lessons Learned about Community Engagement</b> (Location: Wayne Room)</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Maura Dwyer</b>, DrPH, MPH, Senior Health Policy Advisor, Health Enterprise Zone Initiative, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene</p> <p><u>Panelists:</u>  <b>Maha Sampath</b>, MHSA, Director, West Baltimore CARE Health Enterprise Zone, Bon Secours Baltimore Health System  <b>Ernest L. Carter</b>, MD, PhD, Deputy Health Officer, Prince George’s County Health Department  <b>Angela Mercier</b>, Health Education Program Manager, Dorchester County Health Department</p>

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<p><b>1:30 PM – 2:45 PM</b></p>	<p><b>C: Community Health Workers and Other Innovative Community Care Models</b> (Location: Terrace Room)</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Dwyan Y. Monroe</b>, Program Coordinator, Community Health Worker Initiatives, Institute for Public Health Innovation</p> <p><u>Panelists:</u>  <b>Elda Woldemichael</b>, CHES, Community Health Worker, Baltimore Medical System, Inc.  <b>Lenora Wright</b>, Community Health Worker, Institute for Public Health Innovation, Program Site: Heart to Hand, Inc.  <b>Jared Smith</b>, MA, NRP, EMS Program Director, Mobile Integrated Community Health, Queen Anne’s County Health Department</p> <p><b>D: Spotlight on Maryland’s Response to Critical Health Epidemics</b> (Location: Regency Room)</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Carmi Washington-Flood</b>, Chief, Faith Based and Community Partnerships, Prevention and Health Promotion Administration, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene</p> <p><u>Panelists:</u>  <b>Boatema Ntiri-Reid</b>, JD, MPH, Fellow, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Health and Human Services  <b>Alexandra Reitz</b>, Senior Specialist, Education &amp; Community Outreach Programs, The JACQUES Initiative, Institute of Human Virology of the University of Maryland, School of Medicine  <b>Erin E. Haas</b>, MPH, Local Programs Manager, Overdose Prevention, Behavioral Health Administration, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene</p>
<p><b>2:45 PM – 3:00 PM</b></p>	<p><b>AFTERNOON BREAK &amp; EXHIBITS</b> (Location: Camelia Room)</p>
<p><b>3:00 PM – 4:00 PM</b></p>	<p><b>Equity vs. Equality: Current Initiatives to Address the Social Determinants of Health</b> (Location: Terrace Room)</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Stephanie Slowly</b>, MSW, LCSW-C, Deputy Director, Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u>  <b>Shannon M. McMahon</b>, MPA, Deputy Secretary, Health Care Financing, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene  <b>Nisa M. Maruthur</b>, MD, MHS, Assistant Professor of Medicine &amp; Epidemiology, The Johns Hopkins University  <b>Yolanda Ogbolu</b>, PhD, CRNP-neonatal, FNAP, Assistant Professor, Director, Office of Global Health, University of Maryland School of Nursing</p>

6th Annual Shirley Nathan-Pulliam

# HEALTH EQUITY

## LECTURE SERIES

### 2016 AWARD RECIPIENT

#### CAMARA PHYLLIS JONES, MD, MPH, PhD

**President, American Public Health Association**

**Senior Fellow, Satcher Health Leadership Institute and Cardiovascular Research Institute, Morehouse School of Medicine**

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**Camara Phyllis Jones, MD, MPH, PhD** is President of the American Public Health Association, and a Senior Fellow at the Satcher Health Leadership Institute and the Cardiovascular Research Institute, Morehouse School of Medicine.

Dr. Jones is a family physician and epidemiologist whose work focuses on the impacts of racism on the health and well-being of the nation. She seeks to broaden the national health debate to include not only universal access to high quality health care, but also attention to the social determinants of health (including poverty) and the social determinants of equity (including racism).

She is a methodologist, a social epidemiologist, and a teacher whose allegories on “race” and racism illuminate topics that are otherwise difficult for many Americans to understand or discuss. As President of the American Public Health Association, she has launched a National Campaign Against Racism to which she invites all within hearing to join.

Dr. Jones was an Assistant Professor at the Harvard School of Public Health from 1994 to 2000, and a Medical Officer at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention from 2000 to 2014. She received her BA in Molecular Biology from Wellesley College, her MD from the Stanford University School of Medicine, and both her Master of Public Health and her PhD in Epidemiology from the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health. She also completed residency training in General Preventive Medicine at the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health, and in Family Practice at the Residency Program in Social Medicine at Montefiore Hospital.

# SPEAKER & PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES



## ***Van T. Mitchell, Secretary, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, State of Maryland***

Van Mitchell serves as the Secretary for the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH), appointed by Governor Larry Hogan on January 21, 2015. Van previously served as a Government Relations Specialist from 2007 - 2015 for Manis Canning & Associates. He was appointed Principal Deputy Secretary of the DHMH from 2004-2007 where he was a member of the Interagency Disabilities Board, Homeland Senior Policy Group and the Maryland Commission on Disabilities. Van served as a member of the Maryland House of Delegates for three terms from 1995 - 2004. During his tenure in the legislature he sat on both the Economic Matters and Appropriations Committees. During this time he was a member of the Unemployment Insurance Subcommittee; Real Property Subcommittee; House Chair of the Workers' Compensation Subcommittee; House Chair Workers' Compensation Benefit and Insurance Oversight Committee; Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review; member Capital Budget Subcommittee; Oversight Committee on Pensions; Chair of the Health and Human Resources Subcommittee; House Chair Joint Audit Committee; and Chaired both the Charles County and Southern Maryland Delegations.

Since 1985, Van has served as President/CEO of MSI, Inc., a building supply company which operated in Charles County, MD for forty-nine years. He has also served on many boards such as the University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center (formerly Civista Medical Center), College of Southern Maryland Board of Trustees and is a Co-Founder & Board Member of County First Bank. Van attended Campbell University.



## ***The Honorable Shirley Nathan-Pulliam, Senate, District 44, Maryland General Assembly***

Senator Shirley Nathan-Pulliam, who served in the Maryland House of Delegates since 1994, was elected to her first term as Senator in 2014. She is the first Caribbean-born person and the first African-Caribbean registered nurse elected to the Maryland General Assembly. Senator Nathan-Pulliam has dedicated her career to ensuring that all Marylanders have access to health care, regardless of social demographics. She has utilized her nursing experience and leadership to create a political platform for developing of a multitude of laws aimed to improve quality and access to care.

Senator Nathan-Pulliam is a Registered Nurse and has worked for many years as a quality assurance coordinator, head nurse and team leader at hospitals in the Baltimore metropolitan area. She is a leading advocate for improved health care and health disparities reduction in Maryland. Senator Nathan-Pulliam has played major roles in sponsoring hundreds of bills including legislation creating the Healthcare Disparities Prevention Act (HB 883) in 2003 and establishing the Office of Minority Health and Health Care Disparities within the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (HB 86) in 2004. In 2011, the Shirley Nathan-Pulliam Health Equity Lecture Series was launched in collaboration with the Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities and the University of Maryland, School of Public Health, Center for Health Equity, and is held annually at Maryland's Annual Health Equity Conference.

The Senator is named as one of Maryland's Top 100 Women and was inducted into the Circle of Excellence in 2007 by the Maryland Daily Record. Senator Nathan-Pulliam holds an AA from Baltimore City Community College, a BSN from the University of Maryland and a Masters in Administrative Science from The Johns Hopkins University, Carey Business School.



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***Shalewa Noel-Thomas, PhD, MPH, Director,  
Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities,  
Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene***

Dr. Noel-Thomas has extensive experience in public health leadership, health disparities, community-based participatory research, program development, social service delivery and workforce development and training. She received her MPH and PhD degrees in Public Health from the University of South Florida. She currently serves as the Director of Minority Health and Health Disparities within the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Prior to relocating to Maryland, she served as a manager with Hillsborough County Social Services. She also served as a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Behavioral Science and Community Health at the University of Florida. Prior to joining the faculty at the University of Florida, Dr. Noel-Thomas served as the Center Coordinator and Outreach Core Co-Director for the Tampa Bay Community Cancer Network (TBCCN), an NCI-funded Community Network Program Center at the Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa Bay. She is committed to using community-based approaches to address health disparities and developing public health solutions for medically underserved and never-served populations.



***Stephen B. Thomas, PhD, Professor, Health Services Administration,  
University of Maryland School of Public Health and Director,  
Maryland Center for Health Equity, University of Maryland,  
College Park***

Stephen B. Thomas, Ph.D., is one of the nation's leading scholars on community-based interventions designed to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities. Dr. Thomas is a tenured Professor in the Department of Health Services Administration in the School of Public Health and Founding Director of the Maryland Center for Health Equity at the University of Maryland in College Park. He applies his expertise to address a variety of conditions from which minorities generally face far poorer outcomes, including cardiovascular disease, diabetes, obesity and HIV/AIDS. Currently, he is principal investigator of the Center of Excellence on Race, Ethnicity, and Health Disparities Research, funded by the National Institute for Minority Health and Health Disparities.

Dr. Thomas has received numerous awards for his professional accomplishments including, but not limited to, the Alonzo Smyth Yerby Award from the Harvard School of Public Health and the David Satcher Award from the Directors of Health Promotion and Education. His work has been recognized as one of the scholarly contributions leading to the 1997 Presidential Apology to Survivors of the Syphilis Study Done at Tuskegee. His current research focuses on the translation of evidence-based science on chronic disease into innovative community-based interventions designed to accelerate the elimination racial and ethnic health disparities. More specifically, he has focused on understanding how social context shapes attitudes and behaviors of underserved, poorly served, and never-served segments of our society toward participation in health promotion and disease prevention activities. Dr. Thomas is particularly interested in how the legacy of the Syphilis Study at Tuskegee (1932-1972) has impacted trust and influenced the willingness of African Americans to participate in medical and public health research.



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### ***Edward Ehlinger, MD, MSPH, Commissioner of Health, Minnesota Department of Health***

Edward Ehlinger, [el-ing-gur] MD, MSPH is Minnesota's Commissioner of Health and past President of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO). As commissioner, Ehlinger is responsible for directing the work of the Minnesota Department of Health - the state's lead public health agency, dedicated to protecting, maintaining and improving the health of all Minnesotans. Prior to his appointment as health commissioner by Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton in January of 2011, Dr. Ehlinger was director and chief health officer at Boynton Health Service at the University of Minnesota. From 1980 to 1995, Ehlinger served as director of Personal Health Services for the Minneapolis Health Department.

Dr. Ehlinger is also an adjunct professor in the Division of Epidemiology and Community Health at the U of M School of Public Health. He is board certified in pediatrics and internal medicine.

Professional Leadership Activities: President, Minnesota Public Health Association, 1986; President, North Central College Health Association, 1999; and President, Twin Cities Medical Society, 2010.

Educational Background: MD, University of Wisconsin, Madison; MSPH, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; BA, University of Wisconsin, Madison; and Fellowship, Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar Program, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Honors: Albert Justus Chesely Award, Minnesota Public Health Association, 1989; Advancement of Justice Award, Hennepin County Bar Association, 1997; Recipient of the first Ed Ehlinger Award, CityMatCH (urban maternal and child health Directors), 1996; Physician Communicator Award, Minnesota Medical Association, 2003; Gail Proffitt Award, North Central College Health Association, 2004; Child Advocacy Award, MN Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, 2012; and Paul and Sheila Wellstone Award, Minnesota Public Health Association, 2006



### ***Michelle Spencer, MS, Associate Director, Bloomberg American Health Initiative and Associate Scientist, Department of Health Policy and Management, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health***

Michelle Spencer is the Associate Director of the Bloomberg American Health Initiative and Associate Scientist within the Department of Health Policy and Management at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Spencer has over 20 year of experience in public health management and leadership and a wealth of experience in administrative and operational management, strategic planning, resource management, and policy development. As Director of the Prevention and Health Promotion Administration at the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Spencer worked to address the preventable nature of public health issues through integrated, evidence-based approaches. Spencer oversaw the Department's core public health programs that included Maternal and Child Health, Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Outbreak Response, Infectious Disease Prevention and Health Services, Environmental Health, Primary Care and Community Health, and the Maryland Health Enterprise Zone initiative.

Spencer served as the Chief of Staff of the Baltimore City Health Department from 2004 - 2012. She was responsible for the Department's health impact assessment activities; the implementation of Healthy Baltimore 2015, the Department's health policy agenda; and the Neighborhood Health Initiative. Spencer developed and implemented the Department's Health and Wellness program.

Spencer co-authored Healthy Baltimore 2015 and Serving the Uninsured and Underserved Through Coalition-Building and Special Attention to Men's Health in Community Voices: Health Matters (2010). She holds a Master's degree in Health Services Management and Policy from New School University in New York, NY and a BA in Sociology and African Studies from Binghamton University in Binghamton, NY.

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***Dianne Feeny, BSN, MS, Associate Director of Quality Initiatives, Health Services Cost Review Commission, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene***

Dianne Feeny, B.S.N, M.S. is Associate Director of Quality Initiatives at the Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC), an independent State agency with responsibilities for public disclosure of hospital data and operating performance and for establishing hospital payment rates to promote cost containment, access to care, equity, financial stability and hospital accountability. The HSCRC is the lead state agency to support Maryland compliance with the All-Payer Model contract in place as of January 2014 with the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) that shifts focus to population based, patient-centered payment systems.

Dianne's responsibilities include working on the team to develop and implement performance improvement initiatives and policies focused on improving: processes of care; patient safety and outcomes such as complications, mortality, and readmissions; disparities in care; and, care coordination and patient handoffs. Dianne also works on consumer engagement projects for the Commission.

Dianne's prior healthcare experience includes management, performance measurement, senior consulting, and clinical, instructional and case management nursing, with particular focus on programs serving high needs populations.



***Kendra Thayer, RN, MSN, CDE, Chief Nursing Officer and Vice President of Patient Care Services, Garrett Regional Medical Center***

Kendra Thayer is the CNO/VP of Patient Care Services at Garrett Regional Medical Center. I have 23 years of nursing experience. I have experience in new service line development and program implementation. I have started several new outpatient services including a wound care center, diabetic education center, and cardiac rehab center. I currently oversee all clinical departments within the hospital and the everyday operations of the organization. I am part of the senior administrative team. I have my Masters in Nursing Administration and am a Certified Diabetes Educator. I enjoy outdoor sports and my family.



***Katherine Harton Talbert, MPA, RN, BSN, Care Management Program Manager, Howard County General Hospital***

Kate Talbert MPA, RN is the Care Management Program Manager in the newly formed Department of Population Health and Advancement with Howard County General Hospital; she leads several community-based interventions providing care coordination and chronic disease self-management education to Howard County residents. Kate is passionate about delivering holistic care and support to patients in their homes and communities. Since becoming a Registered Nurse in 2010, Kate has delivered compassionate nursing care and health education to a diverse population. She began her career as a home-visiting maternal child nurse in Philadelphia's North Central Empowerment Zone. After moving to Maryland, she became involved in the development of the Community Care Team, Howard County's Community Health Worker led intervention aimed at preventing hospital re-admissions for chronically ill patients. Kate holds a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing and Nutrition from the University of Delaware and a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Baltimore.

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### ***Jennifer Newman Barnhart, MPH, Director, Population Health Improvement, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene***

Jennifer Newman Barnhart is the Director of the Office of Population Health Improvement (OPHI) within the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Her office directs programs that advance population health sustainability throughout Maryland. These programs include healthcare delivery transformation, advanced primary care, school health, local public health core funding, state health improvement data analytics and rural health initiatives. Jennifer has worked in public health and healthcare for 15 years, including non-profit, academic and government sectors. She has a MPH from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and an undergraduate degree in Biology and Biochemistry.



### ***David Mann, MD, PhD, Epidemiologist, Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene***

Dr. David A. Mann is an Epidemiologist at the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities (MHHD) in the Maryland department of Health and Mental Hygiene, at 75% FTE. His other 25% FTE is spent as an Instructor in the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health at the University Of Medicine School Of Medicine. Dr. Mann received his BA in Biology from The Johns Hopkins University in 1978, his MD from Harvard Medical School in 1982, and his PhD in Epidemiology from University of Maryland, Baltimore in 2007.

Before coming to Maryland for epidemiology and public health training in 1998, Dr. Mann practiced primary care medicine in the greater Boston area for 14 years. At DHMH Dr. Mann was a co-author of the Maryland Plan to Eliminate Minority Health Disparities, released in 2006 by MHHD; and principal author of the Maryland Chartbook of Minority Health and Minority Health Disparities Data, released in 2007, 2009 (2nd Edition) and 2012 (3rd edition) by MHHD. He has been an invited speaker on health disparities data at several venues. At DEPH in UMB SOM, Dr. Mann is the faculty co-leader of the Departmental Journal Club, participates in the Department's epidemiology teaching for medical students, and teaches the summer course in Chronic Disease Epidemiology for graduate students.



### ***Janani Ramachandran, Social Services Coordinator, Mary's Center***

Janani Ramachandran is the Social Services Coordinator at Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care. She oversees the EMBRACE program in Prince George's County MD for community health education, and is developing a comprehensive Domestic Violence Advocacy program for Mary's Center clinics. Janani is originally from both the San Francisco Bay Area and Bangalore, India. She received a B.A. in International Relations from Stanford University.



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***Yvonne L. Bronner, ScD, Professor, Department of Behavioral Health Sciences, School of Community Health and Policy, Morgan State University***

Dr. Yvonne Bronner is professor and founding director of the M.P.H./Dr.P.H. Program at Morgan State University that received the maximum five-year accreditation under her leadership. She was director of their Complementary and Alternative Medicine Research Training Program (ended 2011). Dr. Bronner's research interest include role of fathers in breastfeeding promotion among African American families, the epidemiological investigation of African American Dietary knowledge, attitudes, beliefs and practices, the nutritional assessment of school children including internal and external environmental factors, role and appropriate utilization of Community Health Workers, and the application of community-based participatory research methods in developing, implementing and evaluating obesity interventions. Dr Bronner led the research team that developed the video and supporting educational materials entitled, "Fathers Supporting Breastfeeding." More than 100,000 copies have been distributed in the U.S. and internationally. She was a Research Associate for the Nutrition During Pregnancy and Nutrition During Lactation IOM reports as well as serving as staff of the Committee on Dietary Risk in the WIC Program. She was a member of the Institute of Medicine (IOM) Food and Nutrition Board for five years (term ending 2010). She was a member of the PhenX national workgroup to develop consensus nutrition genetic research measures, DHHS Secretary's Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality (SACIM), Baltimore's Babies Born Healthy Leadership in Action Program, the American Dietetic Association's Board of Editors, Fit Pregnancy and Essence Magazine Advisory Boards. Dr. Bronner is a member of the American Dietetic Association and was a member of the 2005 - U.S. Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee. She served as Director of the MSU 2008-2010 collaboration with the national infant mortality reduction initiative from the Department of Health and Human Services - Office of Minority Health entitled - "A Healthy Baby Begins with You" - a preconception peer education program where Tonya Lee was the spokesperson. Dr. Bronner was a member of the Baltimore City Harlem Park elementary/middle Charter School Advisory Committee, and Maryland Assembly on School Based Health Clinics Advisory Committee (MASBCH). Dr. Bronner is PI of the five year MSU - EMBRACE Project, a partnership with the MHHD - DHMH. She was recently appointed to a three year term on McDonald's Global Advisory Council and a two year term on Chartwell's Child Nutrition National Advisory Council. Dr. Bronner earned a B.S. from the University of Akron, M.S.P.H. from Case Western Reserve University, and Sc.D. from Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health in Maternal and Child Health.



***Maura Dwyer, DrPH, MPH, Senior Health Policy Advisor, Health Enterprise Zone Initiative, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene***

Dr. Maura Dwyer is a Senior Health Policy Advisor for the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and currently serves as the Program Director for the Maryland Health Enterprise Zones (HEZ) Initiative. Dr. Dwyer earned a Doctorate of Public Health in Environmental Health Sciences at the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, a Master of Public Health at the George Washington University Milken Institute School of Public Health, and a Bachelor of Science at Villanova University. Dr. Dwyer has worked in various capacities, including education, research, evaluation, program implementation, and policy development. Her work has focused primarily on eliminating disparities in chronic disease, HIV/AIDS and birth outcomes.

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### ***Maha Sampath, MHA, Director, West Baltimore CARE Health Enterprise Zone, Bon Secours Baltimore Health System***

Maha Sampath is the Director of the Health Enterprise Zone at Bon Secours Baltimore Health System (BSBHS). She oversees the grant program funded by Maryland's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, which is aimed at decreasing disparities in cardiovascular disease in medically underserved populations in West Baltimore. In addition to her work with the Health Enterprise Zone, Maha was asked to speak at the America's Essential Hospitals' annual conference presenting on her work titled "Working in Partnership for a Healthier Community." Prior to taking on this role, she was the Manager of Strategic Performance and worked alongside the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer. Maha's focus areas included strategic planning, special operational projects, and stewardship. Prior to joining BSBHS, Maha worked as a Project Manager focusing on system-wide initiatives at the corporate office at Bon Secours Health System Inc. She also led the Administrative Residency program and was the Co-Chair for the corporate office's Diversity & Inclusion Council. Maha received her Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Social Behavior from University of California, Irvine and earned her Master's in Health Services Administration at The George Washington University. She is also an active member of the National Association of Health Services Executives (NAHSE).



### ***Ernest L. Carter, MD, PhD, Deputy Health Officer, Prince George's County Health Department***

Dr. Ernest Carter is the deputy health officer for Prince George's County Health Department (PGCHD) with more than 30 years of experience managing and delivering pediatric patient care, as well as more than 20 years of experience in the field of community based health information systems. He has been a strong advocate for efficient health system design and the use of health information technology to improve the quality of health in underserved communities. At the PGCHD, he provides direct oversight for the divisions of Family Services and Health & Wellness as well as oversight of all clinical providers. He is responsible for securing over \$10 million in grant funds in the last 3 years that includes creating the PGC Health Enterprise Zone, the PGC Public Health Information Network, Consent2Share - (consent management technology for behavioral health), and the System of Care for children with behavioral health problems and their families. He serves on the Maryland Care Coordination Workgroup, Health Information Exchange Policy Board Workgroup, and Maryland Telemedicine Workgroup. He is currently on the boards of CRISP, the Maryland State Health Information Exchange and the Kennedy Krieger Institute. At Westat, he was a senior physician informaticist providing senior-level review and input for the development and implementation of electronic health records (EHRs), a patient-centered medical home information model, health information exchange and EHR adoption. At Howard University Hospital, Dr. Carter developed, implemented, and managed community based telehealth chronic disease management projects in underserved areas of four major US cities. As director of the Telehealth Science and the Advanced Technology Center at Howard, he created, implemented, and managed projects in telehealth, distance learning, and health IT in underserved populations. He also served as associate director of Howard's Material Science Research Center of Excellence, where he conducted research on electronic materials and their applications in bioengineering. He was an adjunct professor at the Howard University College of Medicine and an assistant professor in the university's School of Electrical Engineering. In private business ventures, he oversaw the development and deployment of telemedicine applications to link Howard University Hospital with facilities in the U.S. Virgin Islands and South Africa; he created and brought to market an Internet-based chronic disease telehealth self-management portal; and he led the design and operation of retail-based clinics in four states. In addition, Dr. Carter was chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at Washington Adventist Hospital and Director of Pediatric Services at Misericordia (now Mercy) Hospital of Philadelphia. He has managed the operations of neonatal intensive care units and provided direct patient care to critically ill and high-risk infants. He served on the Board of the National Library of Medicine. Dr. Carter has an AB degree in Physics from Harvard College, MD degree from Harvard Medical School and a Ph.D. degree in bioengineering from the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Carter is married and has raised 2 adult daughters with his wife of 30 years.

## SPEAKER & PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES



### ***Angela Mercier, Health Education Program Manager, Dorchester County Health Department***

Angela Mercier serves as the Director for the Competent Care Connections (Caroline/Dorchester) Health Enterprise Zone program, which is part of her role as the Health Education Program Manager at the Dorchester County Health Department. She oversees several public health programs addressing health disparities, chronic diseases, substance abuse, and more. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Community Health at University of Maryland, College Park. She has over five years of experience in community organizing and health promotion, including forging partnerships to leverage resources and collaborate in encouraging healthy behaviors and improving health outcomes in a rural setting.



### ***Dwyan Y. Monroe, Program Coordinator, Community Health Worker Initiatives, Institute for Public Health Innovation***

Ms. Dwyan Y. Monroe is the Program Coordinator of Community Health Worker (CHW) Initiatives with IPHI. Ms. Dwyan Monroe is part of a team that designs, plans, and delivers training for programs, institutions, and health systems incorporating CHWs and outreach initiatives in the DC, MD, and VA region. A former CHW, Ms. Monroe has more than 20 years' experience as an advocate for the field of Community Health Outreach and now serves as a CHW Master Trainer. She also manages all of IPHI's CHWs and provides leadership in the development and planning of the Center for the Community Health Workforce. Prior to her position at IPHI, Ms. Monroe served as the lead CHW training consultant for IPHI. She also provided expertise in outreach development planning, core CHW workforce training, focus group facilitation, and research program coordination for several non-profits, community-based organizations, chronic disease professional associations, and health institutions in Maryland, DC, Delaware, and New Jersey. These institutions incorporated CHWs as a part of their cost effective, culturally relevant, and innovative disease prevention and management programs. In 2006, she was appointed as the Director of the New Jersey Community Health Worker Institute – a statewide HRSA funded initiative of the New Jersey Area Health Education Center – to strategically promote the effective utilization of CHWs as a part of the health care delivery team. In collaboration with other CHW advocates, Ms. Monroe has co-founded a local network aimed at maximizing the field of community health outreach by supporting training and career development for such an under recognized and underutilized health profession. She is a national advocate and trainer of CHWs who aims to establish and solidify recognition of the profession through organizations such as the Center for Sustainable Health Outreach, the American Public Health Association, as well as the American Association of Community Health Workers (AACHW). Ms. Monroe is a graduate of Hampton University with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. She has completed numerous certificate programs in public health leadership, community and clinical health outreach and community base program development.

### ***Elda Woldemichael, CHES, Community Health Worker, Baltimore Medical System, Inc.***

Elda Woldemichael is a Community Health Worker at Baltimore Medical System. Her professional experience includes Biometric Screening Technician & Health Educator at Interactive Health and Public Health Educator at American Kidney Fund.

Elda received her Associate degree in Life Science from Montgomery College in 2012, and received her Bachelor of Science degree in Health Science in a concentration of Community Health Education from Towson University in 2015. She has her Certified Health Education Specialist designation from the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing. Elda is a member of the Tau Sigma National Honor Society.



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### ***Lenora Wright, Community Health Worker, Institute for Public Health Innovation, Program Site: Heart to Hand, Inc.***

Lenora Wright is a Total Health Partners Community Health Worker placed at Heart to Hand, Inc. in Largo, MD. I work with people of all colors and race living with a chronic disease, in particular HIV. I hold a support group meeting twice a month for women who live with chronic diseases. We get together to support one another to share our lives and anything else that we want to share as it relates to living a healthy life. We also started a book club within our group in April 2014 and the women like the club. We also go to different support group meetings and we do a lot of outreach, meaning we reach those who can't come out to our meetings; we will visit them where they are. I also do testing for HIV at Prince George's County Community College every Wednesday, on the jobsite, and at different events. For fun, I love spending my time with family members near and far. I love to travel. I am always cooking and having food fellowship after church with my family. I adore spending time with my grandson taking him out to his favorite pizza place and the park; he and I have date night every Thursday and we really have a good time. Why Lenora became a Community Health Worker: I became a Community Health Worker because I wanted to help people who are having a hard time dealing with their illness and do not have the support they need from family members and friends. Knowing you do have support means a lot. Everyone needs support no matter what they're going through. I can encourage people along the way and I can also connect people with some resources as far as food is concerned and other support groups.

### ***Jared Smith, MA, NRP, EMS Program Director, Mobile Integrated Community Health, Queen Anne's County Health Department***

Mr. Jared Smith has been a Paramedic with the Queen Anne's County Department of Emergency Services since 2008. He holds a bachelor's degree in Emergency Health Services from UMBC and a master's degree in Bioethics and Health Policy from the Loyola University of Chicago. In addition to serving as a Paramedic, Jared also functions as a program administrator with the Queen Anne's County Department of Health for the Mobile Integrated Community Health program. Jared's interests and current work focuses on developing and implementing innovative approaches to population health management. Jared currently resides in Baltimore County.



### ***Carmi Washington-Flood, Chief, Faith Based and Community Partnerships, Prevention and Health Promotion Administration, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene***

Carmi Washington Flood is presently the Chief of the Office of Faith Based and Community Partnerships (OFBCP) for the Prevention and Health Promotion Administration (PHHA) under the Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH). This Office collaborates with leaders and members of all faiths across Maryland. Carmi serves on several community boards and coalitions including the Get SMART Project at Morgan State University, the Why Women Cry Coalition, the Statewide Child Evangelism Fellowship Board, the Department of Public Safety and Corrections Female Offender Workgroup, the Johns Hopkins Medical Religious Partners, the West Baltimore Drug Free Communities Coalition, and the Johns Hopkins Center for Adolescent Health Community Advisory Board. Carmi holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Michigan State University and a Masters of Arts degree in Ministry and Leadership Administration from Lancaster Bible College. She is also a licensed minister and is a member of the National Baptist Convention, the Baptist Ministers Conference of Baltimore and Vicinity, and the United Baptist Missionary Convention.

## **SPEAKER & PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES**

### ***Boatema Ntiri-Reid, JD, MPH, Fellow, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Health and Human Services***

Boatema Ntiri-Reid is a Fellow in the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Health and Human Services. Prior to her current position, Ms. Ntiri-Reid served as a Special Projects Director in the Infectious Disease Prevention and Health Services Bureau, Prevention and Health Promotion Administration at the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. In this role, she managed the State's Adult Viral Hepatitis Prevention Program, served as the project director for Maryland Community-Based Programs to Test and Cure Hepatitis C, a CDC-funded hepatitis C test and cure program, and co-directed Maryland Partnerships for Care, a program designed to support the integration of HIV care into primary care. Prior to joining the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Ms. Ntiri-Reid was an Equal Justice Works Fellow and staff attorney at Maryland Legal Aid where she developed medical legal partnerships with local HIV medical and support service providers and represented clients in circuit and administrative court. Ms. Ntiri-Reid holds a Juris Doctorate from the University of Maryland School of Law, with a concentration in Health Law. She completed a Masters in Public Health at the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, with a concentration in Health Promotion and holds an undergraduate degree in Sociology from the University of Michigan.



### ***Alexandra Reitz, Senior Specialist, Education & Community Outreach Programs, The JACQUES Initiative, Institute of Human Virology of the University of Maryland, School of Medicine***

Alexandra "Allie" Reitz, BS - Allie currently serves a Senior Program Specialist for Education and Community Outreach programs at the JAQCUES Initiative (JI) at the Institute of Human Virology, University of Maryland Baltimore (UMB) School of Medicine. With a background in Cultural Anthropology, Allie starting as an intern at JI offering rapid HIV testing in local Emergency Departments, faith-based centers and community hubs. Now with over 10 years of experience, Allie has a wealth of expertise in HIV testing, linkage to care, community mobilization and engagement. Allie now leads the "Preparing the Future HIV Educational Program", a classroom and community-based service learning curriculum at UMB for future health and service professionals to address the goals of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy. Allie is a frequent Guest Lecturer on all things HIV, health equity and community work serving the underserved. She lives with her husband and cat in Baltimore City, loves traveling, new life experiences and yoga.



### ***Erin E. Haas, MPH, Local Programs Manager, Overdose Prevention, Behavioral Health Administration, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene***

Erin Haas serves as the Local Programs Manager in the Overdose Prevention office at the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Behavioral Health Administration. In this role, she implements Maryland's overdose education and naloxone distribution program, provides technical assistance to the local Overdose Fatality Review Teams, and supports local health departments with overdose prevention strategic planning efforts. Previously, she worked in research with the Department of Veterans Affairs, as well as for non-profit harm reduction programs, and obtained a Bachelor in Sociology and Master in Public Health from the University of Pittsburgh.

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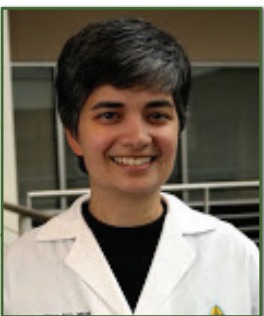
### ***Stephanie Slowly, MSW, LCSW-C, Deputy Director, Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene***

Stephanie Slowly joined the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities in July, 2016 and currently serves as the Deputy Director. Prior to joining MHHD, Ms. Slowly served as the Deputy Chief of Programs and Training Capacity for the Maryland AIDS Drug Assistance Program. Ms. Slowly has over 10 years of clinical social work, healthcare, and program implementation experience. As the new Deputy Director, Ms. Slowly is committed to engage internal and external stakeholders in innovative approaches to address the health disparity needs throughout the state of Maryland. Ms. Slowly received her Bachelor's degree in Clinical Psychology and Masters of Social Work from Norfolk State University and is a Licensed Certified Social Worker-Clinical through the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners.



### ***Shannon M. McMahon, MPA, Deputy Secretary, Health Care Financing, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene***

Shannon M. McMahon was appointed the Deputy Secretary of Health Care Financing at the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in February, 2015. In this role, she is responsible for the operation of the state's Medicaid program, which serves over 1.2 million Marylanders. Previously, Ms. McMahon was the Director of Coverage and Access at the Center for Health Care Strategies (CHCS) where she lead Medicaid eligibility, benefit design and purchasing implementation efforts and learning collaboratives for states and the federal government. Prior to CHCS, she worked in executive and management-level roles in Minnesota Medicaid, most recently as the Chief Administrative Officer, where she oversaw finance and operations for Minnesota's three public health care programs. Ms. McMahon also spent several years working on health policy issues as a non-partisan analyst at the Department of Legislative Services in Annapolis and also held the position of senior budget and policy adviser to the Secretary and Principal Deputy Secretary of Maryland's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Ms. McMahon has a bachelor's degree in justice from American University, Washington, D.C. and a master's degree in public administration from Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts where she was a recipient of a full tuition public policy fellowship. She is a member of the board of directors of the National Association of Medicaid Directors.



### ***Nisa M. Maruthur, MD, MHS, Assistant Professor of Medicine & Epidemiology, The Johns Hopkins University***

Dr. Maruthur has a primary care practice at the Levine Group Internal Medicine Practice at Johns Hopkins Green Spring Station. In addition to seeing patients for one-half day per week, Dr. Maruthur conducts clinical research in diabetes and obesity with an emphasis on prevention and genetic epidemiology. She is especially interested in individualized medicine, the tailoring of preventive and treatment strategies based on biologic information (e.g., genes) and non-biologic information (e.g., preferences). Dr. Maruthur also co-directs the JHU General Internal Medicine Fellowship.



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***Yolanda Ogbolu, PhD, CRNP-neonatal, FNAP, Assistant Professor, Director, Office of Global Health, University of Maryland School of Nursing***

Dr. Yolanda Ogbolu is an Assistant Professor and Director of the Office of Global Health at University of Maryland School of Nursing. In her academic role, she focuses her research and teaching efforts on improving health equity for culturally and linguistically diverse populations and reducing newborn health disparities in local and global communities. Dr. Ogbolu's consistently seeks collaborations in her work to enhance translation of research and policy into practice and communities, by networking and collaborating with key stakeholders and policymakers. In 2009, she served as a legislative intern in the Maryland State General Assembly and has served on multiple state taskforces, including- The Maryland Infant Mortality Taskforce Epidemiology Group (2011); Co-Lead of a sub-committee of the Maryland's Workgroup on Cultural Competency (2012-2013) under the direction of the Maryland Office of Minority Health, and more recently as Co-Chair of the Social Determinants of Health Workgroup for the 44th district. She is a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Nurse Faculty Scholar focusing on identifying the barriers to adoption of policies and guidelines related to health equity and the relationship with patient experiences with care. She has received numerous awards and is a Fellow of the National Academies of Practice.

# Maryland's 13th Annual Health Equity Conference

## “ACHIEVING HEALTH EQUITY THROUGH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INNOVATIVE HEALTH CARE DELIVERY”

### EXHIBITORS

#### OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE

**Overview:** The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities envisions a state in which health care services are organized and delivered in a manner designed to eliminate health disparities among all populations, thereby leading to health equity for all Marylanders. In fulfillment of the Department's mission to promote health equity for all Maryland citizens, the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities (MHHD) works to focus the Department's resources on eliminating health disparities through assessment of the health status of all populations, demonstrating and promoting promising practices, engaging local communities and partnering with government and private sector programs in the State. The Office shall focus its efforts of promoting health equity to African Americans, Hispanic/Latino Americans, Asian Americans, Native Americans and all other groups experiencing health disparities.

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#### PREVENTION AND HEALTH PROMOTION ADMINISTRATION, INFECTIOUS DISEASE PREVENTION AND HEALTH SERVICES BUREAU, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE

**Overview:** The mission of the Prevention and Health Promotion Administration is to protect, promote and improve the health and well-being of all Marylanders and their families through provision of public health leadership and through community-based public health efforts in partnership with local health departments, providers, community based organizations, and public and private sector agencies, giving special attention to at-risk and vulnerable populations. The Prevention and Health Promotion Administration envisions a future in which all Marylanders and their families enjoy optimal health and well-being.

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## EXHIBITORS

### CENTER FOR HEALTH EQUITY, SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK

**Overview:** Located within the School of Public Health at the University of Maryland in College Park, the main focuses of the Center for Health Equity are to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities to achieve health equity among residents in the state of Maryland; and increase the inclusion of racial and ethnic minorities in health research through our Building Trust initiative.

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### WINNABLE BATTLES, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE

**Overview:** To keep pace with emerging public health challenges, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention initiated Winnable Battles. Winnable Battles identifies priority strategies, defines clear targets for improvement, and fosters program collaboration. The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene adopted Winnable Battles as a platform to bring together diverse programs and staff to look at new ways to impact health outcomes and operations. Winnable Battles at the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene:

- Identifies critical health issues in our State and opportunities for business improvements within the Department;
- Brings together diverse teams to explore new and innovative ways to approach these opportunities; and
- Selects specific, measurable actions to take over the course of one year.

Winnable Battles projects are focused on subject areas and staff interests, not by organizational charts or funding requirements. Each project is associated with a longer-term health or operations outcome measure. In most cases, these longer-term health outcome measures are associated with the State Health Improvement Process and Healthy People 2020.

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### ACCESS TO WHOLISTIC AND PRODUCTIVE LIVING INSTITUTE INC.

**Overview:** Access to Wholistic and Productive Living Institute Inc., (Access) is certified by the Safety Net Act of 2005 as an Access Services Community Health Resource Provider through the Maryland Community Health Resource Commission. Access is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit, charitable organization incorporated in March of 2008 in the State of Maryland. Our mission is to achieve health equity through the promotion of policy, systems and environmental change and the delivery of comprehensive, integrated health education, prevention and chronic disease management.

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### BALTIMORE CITY CANCER PROGRAM

**Overview:** The BCCP is a partnership with the Baltimore City Health Department, American Cancer Society and designated federally Qualified Health Centers throughout Baltimore City to promote healthier lifestyles through education focused on cancer risk reduction and prevention. BCCP is funded by the Maryland Cigarette Restitution Fund Program through the department of Mental Health and Hygiene and the Susan G. Komen MD.

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### CENTER FOR TOBACCO PREVENTION AND CONTROL, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE

**Overview:** Prevent youth and young adults from ever using tobacco, provide resources to assist residents who are ready to quit using tobacco, and eliminate exposure to harmful toxins found.... Plus eliminate health disparities among population groups affected by tobacco related death and disease.

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### DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE

**Overview:** Our administration provides services system for people with developmental disabilities. We partner with individuals with developmental disabilities and their families to provide leadership and resources to enable these individuals in living fulfilling lives. We are guided by the principle that individuals with developmental disabilities have the right to direct their lives and services. We do this by focusing on five areas: Self-Determination, Self-Advocacy, Supporting Families, Housing, and Employment.

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### JACQUES INITIATIVE

**Overview:** The mission of the JACQUES Initiative (JI) is to change lives, engage communities and support health systems affected by HIV and Hepatitis C. The JI envisions:

- Healthy citizens of Baltimore, free of HIV and Hepatitis C stigma and overcoming health disparities.
- Engaged communities, educated, aware and accessing the resources available to them to live free of or live well with HIV and Hepatitis C.
- Supported health care systems, pursuing a seamless HIV and Hepatitis C continuum of care, overcoming gaps in services through collaboration with partners who complement them.

Our strategy is to facilitate greater access to HIV and Hepatitis C care by implementing transformation of individual, institutional and community-based education and supportive services. We achieve our mission by leading individuals, their families and supporters, and communities of the City of Baltimore on a Journey to Wellness.

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### JOHNS HOPKINS INSTITUTE FOR CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH; COMMUNITY RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL

**Overview:** Formed in 2009, Community Research Advisory Council (C-RAC) of the Johns Hopkins Institute for Clinical and Translational Research leads projects that promote the trust, understanding, and involvement of the Greater Baltimore community in research activities, and educates researchers about community priorities. What We Do: Evaluate and review health research; Inform researchers about community interests and preferences; Share health and research information; Support community and faith-based projects

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## EXHIBITORS

### LIFE CENTER INTERNATIONAL CHURCH

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### MARYLAND AIDS DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MADAP)

**Overview:** The Maryland AIDS Drug Assistance Program, or MADAP, is a component of the federally funded ADAP program under the RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS Treatment Reauthorization Act. The program assists Maryland residents with low to moderate income to pay for certain drugs prescribed to treat individuals with HIV/AIDS. MADAP covers prescription drug costs, deductibles, co-pays and co-insurance for any drug on the MADAP formulary, including all FDA-approved HIV antiretroviral drugs. MADAP also provides premium assistance for approved insurance plans.

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### MARYLAND BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER PROGRAM

**Overview:** Maryland's Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program (BCCP) promotes cancer screening for women across the state and provides breast and cervical cancer screening, diagnosis, and patient navigation services to underserved women. Since 1992, BCCP has diagnosed more than 2,000 breast and 85 cervical cancers, linking those diagnosed to treatment resources. A local BCCP is available in every Maryland county and Baltimore City. Call to find out more: 1-800-477-9774.

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### MARYLAND CANCER COLLABORATIVE AND MARYLAND PATIENT NAVIGATION SYSTEM

**Overview:** The Maryland Cancer Collaborative (MCC) was established in the summer of 2011 as a statewide coalition working to implement the Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan. The goals of the MCC are to work with individuals and organizations throughout the state to implement the Cancer Plan, and to bring together existing groups and new partners to collaborate on a common goal: reducing the burden of cancer in Maryland. The Maryland Patient Navigation Network (PNN) was established in 2012 with a goal to bring together individuals from public and private organizations that work in navigating patients through cancer care, in order to provide opportunities for networking, sharing resources, and training. Members can be any individual working in the cancer field to navigate patients through the cancer continuum including prevention, early detection (screening), treatment, and survivorship.

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### THE MARYLAND CENTER AT BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY

**Overview:** The Maryland Center at Bowie State University's mission is to serve as a resource and advocate to the citizens, institutions, and communities in Maryland. The Center raises awareness and provides education that assists Marylanders in overcoming disparities issues that include health, education, economic status, and social settings in order to optimize their potential well-being.

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### MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE, MARYLAND HEALTH CONNECTION

**Overview:** Maryland Health Connection is the Maryland's official health insurance marketplace for individuals and families to compare and enroll in health insurance and determine eligibility for Medicaid and other assistance programs, federal tax credits and cost-sharing reductions.

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## EXHIBITORS

### MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

**Overview:** The Maryland Health Care Commission is an independent regulatory agency whose mission is to plan for health system needs, promote informed decision-making, increase accountability, and improve access in rapidly changing health care environment by providing timely and accurate information on availability, cost, and quality of services to policy makers, purchasers, providers and the public. The Commission's vision for Maryland is to ensure that informed consumers hold the health care system accountable and have access to affordable and appropriate health care services through programs that serve as models for the nation.

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### METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION (MWPHA)

**Overview:** MWPHA is an APHA affiliate with individuals and organizations in the region working to improve health. We educate members, other professionals and the public about scientific and professional public care standards, practices and policies to enable them to advocate for social justice and to enhance public health practice.

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## EXHIBITORS

### OFFICE FOR GENETICS AND PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS (OGPSHCN), MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE

**Overview:** The OGPSHCN administers a broad range of programs that address the needs of the Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) population in Maryland by promoting and evaluating the system of care for this population. Activities include providing leadership in infrastructure development and support, workforce development, planning, implementing and evaluating programs serving CYSHCN, Resource navigation, and through its systems development unit, provide funds and technical support for new and innovative community led initiatives aimed at improving the health and well-being of CYSCN.

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### OFFICE MANAGEMENT & TECHNOLOGY, INC.

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### OFFICE OF PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE

**Overview:** The Office of Preparedness and Response (OP&R) is responsible for the overall public health emergency preparedness for the state. OP&R staffs the Maryland Department of Health & Mental Hygiene (DHMH) Command Center during a significant public health event, such as pandemic, natural disaster, act of terrorism or any incident that requires the coordination of state-level health department resources.

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### OFFICE OF POPULATION HEALTH IMPROVEMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE

**Overview:** The Office of Population Health Improvement (OPHI) seeks to improve the health of Marylanders through the integration of a high performing public health system with value-based health care in order to improve the health of communities and reduce unnecessary health care spending. OPHI programs and staff define and measure Maryland's health status, access, and quality indicators for use in planning and determining public health policy; develop new models of care delivery that incentivize value over volume; provide and update the State's dashboard for population health improvement; develop and provide technical assistance to coalitions working to improve health in Maryland jurisdictions; fund and support local public health departments; seek public health accreditation of State and local health departments; collaborate with the Maryland State Department of Education to assure the physical and psychological health of school-aged children; and create and promote relevant state and national health policies.

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### OFFICE OF ORAL HEALTH, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE

**Overview:** The Office of Oral Health (OOH) was established in 1996 to address a myriad of dental or oral diseases affecting the State's neediest children and adults. The mission of OOH is to improve the oral health of Maryland residents through a variety of public oral health initiatives and interventions. Vision: The Office of Oral Health (OOH) has built awareness in our community and has made oral health a critical part in the daily lives of the citizens of Maryland. OOH is a leading public health division that is recognized as a best practice oral health program. Guided by data, we use evidence-based information to serve as an exemplary oral health resource to our stakeholders. Through our activities, initiatives and strong partnerships, all residents regardless of socio-economic status will be freed from tooth decay, and will have timely access to preventive dental services in the state of Maryland.

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## EXHIBITORS

### SAINT AGNES HEALTHCARE

**Overview:** Saint Agnes was established by the Daughters of Charity in 1862 to meet the health needs of the poor. Today, Saint Agnes is a 263-bed full-service teaching hospital with residency programs in a number of medical and surgical specialties. Saint Agnes offers a wide variety of inpatient and outpatient services, alongside six institutes: Cancer; Maryland Metabolic; Cardiovascular; Women's and Children's Health; Orthopedic and Spine; and Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. The Emergency Department at Saint Agnes is the second busiest in Baltimore City with 91,831 visits in FY15. Saint Agnes provides healthcare to residents in South and Southwest Baltimore and surrounding communities in Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll and Howard counties. Saint Agnes managed 88,622 patient days in fiscal year 2015 and provided over \$28M in charity care. We are a highly qualified facility with a proven track record for providing education and treatment to racial and ethnic populations with documented burdens of chronic disease.

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### TAKING EFFECTIVE ACTION, INCORPORATED

**Overview:** TEA is based in Prince George's County, Maryland and provides programs and strategies to improve health disparities among people living in the County and beyond. TEA has been serving the health and wellness needs of the Maryland community informally since 2005 and formally as a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation since November 2009. TEA has been working to help reduce chronic diseases, which is a priority in these communities because of the obesity, and overweight problems that affect the area residents, particularly the underserved and underprivileged. Through its on-going classes, monthly Sunday mini-seminars in churches, and its conferences, TEA has provided both health prevention awareness education and support services in Maryland. TEA's programs are designed to provide a creative and holistic approach to health education to help community members improve their health and the health of their families through positive health behavior changes.

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### U.S. OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH RESOURCE CENTER

**Overview:** The Office of Minority Health Resource Center is a nationwide service of the US Office of Minority Health. As the nation's largest repository of information on health issues specific to African Americans, American Indians and Alaska Natives, Asian Americans, Hispanics, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders, the Resource Center offers a variety of information resources, from access to online document collections to database searches to customized responses to requests for information and assistance. Visit the OMH website at [minorityhealth.hhs.gov](http://minorityhealth.hhs.gov) and follow us on Facebook, Twitter @MinorityHealth to learn more.

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# Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities 2016 Health Equity Conference

## Achieving Health Equity through Community Engagement and Innovative Health Care Delivery December 13, 2016

### CONFERENCE EVALUATION FORM

Please indicate how well the following learning objectives / learner outcomes were met.

Scale: 1=Not met 2= Not very well met 3=Somewhat met 4=Well met 5=Very well met

Understand the social determinants of health that create the context for health disparities	1	2	3	4	5
Identify innovative strategies for community engagement and coordinated patient care within Maryland's current health care landscape	1	2	3	4	5
Learn about collaborative approaches to improve health care access and health outcomes in communities in which health disparities persist	1	2	3	4	5

Please rate each speaker and activity that you attended

Scale: 1=Very Poor 2=Poor 3=Fair 4=Good 5=Excellent NA=Not Applicable

Speakers	Knowledge of Subject Matter / Expertise	Organization/ clarity of presentation	Useful Information/ Content	Speaker / Participant Interaction	Use of Allotted Time	Audio/ Visual Aids & Effective Teaching Strategies
<b>SHIRLEY NATHAN-PULLIAM HEALTH EQUITY LECTURE SERIES - KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b>						
Camara Phyllis Jones, MD, MPH, PhD						
<b>ACHIEVING HEALTH EQUITY: FROM THEORY TO ACTION</b>						
Edward Ehlinger, MD, MSPH						
Stephen B. Thomas, PhD						
<b>THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF HEALTHCARE - HOSPITAL GLOBAL BUDGETS &amp; COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES</b>						
Dianne Feeney, BSN, MS						
Kendra Thayer, RN, MSN, CDE						
Katherine Talbert, MPA, RN, BSN						
Jennifer Newman Barnhart, MPH						
<b>CONCURRENT SESSION A: EMBRACE - A MODEL PROGRAM TO ADDRESS HEALTH EQUITY</b>						
Janani Ramachandran						
Yvonne L. Bronner, ScD						
<b>CONCURRENT SESSION B: HEALTH ENTERPRISE ZONES - LESSONS LEARNED ABOUT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT</b>						
Maha Sampath, MHSA						
Ernest L. Carter, MD, PhD						
Angela Mercier						
<b>CONCURRENT SESSION C: COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS AND OTHER INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY CARE MODELS</b>						
Elda Woldemichael, CHES						
Lenora Wright						
Jared Smith, MA, NRP						
<b>CONCURRENT SESSION D: SPOTLIGHT ON MARYLAND'S RESPONSE TO CRITICAL HEALTH EPIDEMICS</b>						
Boatema Ntiri-Reid, JD, MPH						
Alexandra Reitz						
Erin Haas, MPH						
<b>EQUITY VS. EQUALITY: CURRENT INITIATIVES TO ADDRESS THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH</b>						
Shannon McMahon, MPA						
Nisa M Maruthur, MD, MHS						
Yolanda Ogbolu, PhD, CRNP-neonatal, FNAP						



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**Please check all that apply:**

- Are you Hispanic or Latino?**  Yes  No    If **YES**, please specify origin \_\_\_\_\_  
**Please specify your race (choose all that apply)?**  Black or African American   
  Asian     White  
 American Indian or Alaska Native   
  Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander  
**What is your ancestry or ethnic origin?** \_\_\_\_\_  
**What is your gender?**  Male  Female

**Please rate the following:**

Scale: 1=Very Poor; 2=Poor; 3=Fair; 4=Good; 5=Excellent

<b>Registration Process</b>	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Facility Conducive to Learning</b>	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Quality of Facility</b>	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Quality of Lunch/Refreshments</b>	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Quality of Speakers/Panelists</b>	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Conference Met Your Learning Needs</b>	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Overall Quality of Conference</b>	1	2	3	4	5

List three ways the conference can be improved \_\_\_\_\_  
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Suggest other topics or themes that you would like to see addressed \_\_\_\_\_  
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Suggestions for improvement / additional comments \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Nursing Contact Hour Applicants, please complete:**

In what ways do you feel that your professional practice will be improved based on information learned at this conference? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Did you perceive any bias during the Conference? If so, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
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## ACHIEVING HEALTH EQUITY THROUGH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INNOVATIVE HEALTH CARE DELIVERY

*December 13, 2016 • Baltimore, Maryland*

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Please see included list for participating exhibitors

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